## **Pokagon State Park Interpretive Programs**

100 INDIANA STATE PARKS \*

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#### NATURE CENTER HOURS

**And Other Park Events** 

Tuesday – Friday 12 to 4 p.m. Saturday – Sunday 10 to 5 p.m. Closed Mondays & the 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

Starting May 23<sup>rd</sup> the Nature Center will be open daily 10 - 5 p.m.

#### **Potawatomi Inn Activities**

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn. Take a leisurely 1-1.5 hour ride on our pontoon boat where you will be able to explore the first and second basin of Lake James. You will learn the history of the lake and Pokagon Sate Park in this fun tour. Check the front desk for launch times. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$7 for children under 12 years old. These can be purchased at the Boathouse.

Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...



All Programs are on Eastern Daylight Savings Time. Catch this and all of your other favorite Indiana State Park Interpretive Program Schedules at www.interpretiveservices.in.gov

#### **WEEKEND OF MAY 7-8, 2016**

#### Saturday

10:30 a.m. CRITTER FEEDING TIME - Stop by the Nature Center to watch some of our resident reptiles and amphibians eating their breakfast!



#### Sunday

**8:30 a.m.** MOTHER'S DAY MEANDER - Bring your mothers along for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other spring wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck. We will have binoculars to share and warmly welcome all!



### **WEEKEND OF MAY 14-15, 2016**

#### Saturday

10:30 a.m. <u>CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS – AN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE</u> - Gather in the Nature Center Auditorium where we will show a 60-minute PBS - TV documentary on the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

2:00 p.m. ALIENS IN THE PARK – Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center to learn about some of our non-native invasive plants in the park and how you can help remove them.

#### Sunday

8:30 a.m. MAY MIGRATION MEANDER - Join us for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other spring wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck. We will have binoculars to share and warmly welcome all!



#### NATURE CENTER CLOSED MAY 16-20, 2016

Sorry for the inconvenience, but all the Nature Center Staff are at training this week preparing for a great summer of planning fun interpretive programs for you to enjoy!

#### **WEEKEND OF MAY 21-22, 2016**

#### **Saturday**

#### (FREE FISHING DAY - No License Required)

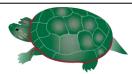
**9:00 a.m.** POKAGON 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL TRIATHLON & 5K TRAIL RACE - These spring races are organized by KPC Media. It will utilize park and county resources for swimming, bike rides, and running races. There are both Olympic and Sprint distances and a 5K trail race. The staging of this event will be at the CCC Shelter. You are welcome to come watch and cheer even if you are not participating. Park Gate fees apply. For more information visit http://www.pokagontriathlon.com

**2:00 p.m.** KIDS TO PARKS DAY FREE FISHING FUN! - In order to celebrate our National Kids to Parks Day and our Indiana Free Fishing Day, all ages are welcome to join the Naturalists at the Trine State Recreation Area Fishing Pier. No license is required today! All fishing equipment and bait will be provided, but resources are limited.

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#### Sunday

**8:30 a.m. SPRING MORNING BIRD HIKE** – Come along for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other spring wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck.



# MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND MAY 28-30, 2016 Saturday

**10:30 a.m.** TURTLE TALES - Turtle trot on over to the Nature Center to learn more about the different species of turtles at Pokagon and see some up-close.

**2:00 p.m. BEACH BREAK** - A Naturalist will be at our Main Beach with some *show 'n' tell* critters who spend part of their life in the water.

**8:30 p.m.** <u>SENSES HIKE</u> - Awaken your senses during this night hike! Join the Naturalist at the Nature Center before we head out along Trail 1.

#### Sunday

**8:30 a.m. BIRDS BEFORE BREAKFAST** - Join us for our traditional Sunday morning hike searching for birds and other spring wildlife. Meet the Naturalist on the Inn Sun Deck.

**2:00 p.m.** OPHIDIOPHOBIA - Have a fear of snakes? That's ok! Slither over to the Nature Center to learn some fun facts about snakes in our park to make you fear them less.

**8:30 p.m.** <u>BATS!</u> - Dispel some myths about our only flying mammal in this fun program. Meet the Naturalist at the Apple Orchard Picnic Shelter.

#### Monday

**10:30 a.m.** WHAT DID THE FOX SAY? - Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for a short program to learn more about the red fox and their kin.

**2-3 p.m.** BIRD WINDOW BINGO - Stop at our Nature Center Window any time during the hour to see how quickly you can win a BINGO in this fun game of Bird Identification.



#### **Hoosier Quest State Park Pin and Patch Program**



This is a great program for all ages and families. There are fun activities that have you exploring all of our Indiana State Parks. Stop by the Nature Center any time and learn how you can earn a patch or pin!